

## Essay 2 - What matters to you in the community?

1. This essay should focus on the following topic: “As I look at my community, I notice these changes taking place..... They are good (or bad) because .... In these circumstances what is needed is .....” And describe how you would if you could influence the direction or speed of change to the betterment of the situation.

2. Next, we will **brainstorm** in class on mindomo.com. **Create** your own mindomo jpg. and post on your website on your RESEARCH page. **After** you brainstorm in class on mindomo, but **before** you actually write the essay, speak to another member of the class about your ideas. **Bounce** your ideas off your colleague for his or her suggestions. **At home**, go to the place you think best. Protect 15 minutes to think before you write. Think about your community. (You may choose how close or far: neighborhood, city, state, country.) What is happening that matters to you? Do you see anything changing? Is that change for the better or worse? What difference does that change make in your life? In the lives of others? **Then write** your essay.

3. You will share your essay on google docs with 3 other students at the beginning of the next class. In turn, you will read at least 3 students' essays and make brief comments.

4. There is not as great a danger of hurting someone through your writing in this exercise as in the prior. Still, please write with care and sensitivity. Blur identifying characteristics if necessary.

5. Name your paper in Google docs Last Name Essay 2 (ex: Moore Essay 2)

6. Your comments on others' drafts are due at the end of the class period.